[27th March 1929

Alleged dismissal of one Venugopal Nayudu in the Tirumani Leper Asylum.

* 1940 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in September or October 1928 one Venugopal Nayudu, an inmate of the Leper Asylum, Tirumani, was sent out of the Asylum ;

(*b*) if so, for what reason ;

(*c*) what is the number of the inmates of the Asylum according to the communities to which they belong ;

(*d*) whether any preference is shown to the patients if they are Christians ;

(*e*) what is the nature and quantity of diet given to the inmates of the Asylum ;

(*f*) whether different communities are given different items of food ;

(*g*) whether there was a strike in the Leper Asylum recently (this year) ;

(*h*) what was the cause of it and how it ended ;

(*i*) whether Venugopal Nayudu sought re-admission with a letter from a Member of the Legislative Council and was admitted ; and

(*j*) if not, whether he was later admitted on the recommendation of a Government official ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. He was discharged by the Superintendent on the unanimous recommendation of the Settlement Panchayat and with the approval of the Surgeon-General for persistent misbehaviour and breach of discipline.

(*c*)

	Men.	Women.	Children.
(1) Hindus	261	48	41
(2) Muhammadans	17	2	5
(3) Christians	55	23	12
(4) Anglo-Indians	15	15	2
	348	88	60

(*d*) No.

(*e*) & (*f*) The nature and quantity of rations issued daily to each of the inmates of the Tirumani settlement are given below :—

	Anglo-Indians.		Indians.	
	LB.	OZ.	LB.	OZ.
Rice	0	8·7	1	2
Dhall	0	0·2	0	4
Salt	0	1·1	0	1
Ghee	0	0·3	0	1·25
Tamarind	0	0·4	0	0·75
Onions	0	2·8	0	6·25
Curry powder	0	0·6	0	0·75
Firewood	1	11	1	8
Mutton (daily)	0	3	0	4
	(twice a week)			
Vegetables	0	3·2	0	8

In addition to the above, the following rations are issued to the Anglo-Indians according to individual requirements :—tea, coffee, cocoa, bread, butter, gingelly oil, dhall, flour, etc. The cost of all items issued to the Anglo-Indian patients is, however,

restricted to Rs. 3-4-0 per inmate per week. Each Anglo-Indian patient is also given Rs. 8 per mensem in order to enable him to meet the charges for barber, dhoby and to purchase fresh fish, extra mutton and fowl, fresh milk for tea and coffee, eggs, soap, tooth-powder, brooms, lamp globes, etc.

As regards the other patients, fruit, milk, coffee, bread, sago, arrowroot, etc., are supplied to individuals on the recommendation of the medical staff. The Brahmans, Saivites and vegetarians do not get mutton in lieu of which extra vegetables are issued to them.

(*g*) & (*h*) No.

(*i*) Yes, and the panchayat again reconsidered his case and unanimously voted against his re-admission in the settlement as his presence there would be subversive of discipline.

(*j*) No.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether there is sufficient accommodation for people that apply for admission into that asylum ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" That is a very wide question, and I cannot say there will be accommodation for all people who apply."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know if about 50 per cent of the people who go there are refused admission for want of accommodation ? Will Government be pleased to provide additional accommodation ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" That is a hypothetical question. If such circumstances arise, it will be considered."

Adoption of the Agricultural Commission's recommendation regarding the conversion of night soil into poudrette. 11-15 a.m.

* 1941 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Department of Local Self-Government proposes to bring to the notice of municipalities the advantage of converting night soil into poudrette as suggested by the Agricultural Commission ; and

(*b*) whether they propose to take steps to train members of the Municipal Sanitary staff in this method of disposing of night soil ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Separation of the Sanitary Engineering Department from the control of the Public Works Department.

* 1942 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to separate the Sanitary Engineering Department from the control of the Public Works Department ; and

(*b*) if so, in what stage the proposal is and which aspect of the question is being examined now ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question of transferring the control of the Sanitary Engineering Department from the Public Works Department to the Local Self-Government Department is under consideration by the Government and the financial effect of such separation is being examined.